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Docket No.: 19036/37126

(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Mineo

Application No.: 09/786,565

Group Art Unit: 1774

Filed: March 7, 2001

Examiner: L. Ferguson

For: Light Diffusing Sheet and Backlight Unit Using
This

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 as follows:

1. (Amended) A light diffusing sheet comprising:

a transparent base sheet; and

a light diffusing layer provided on a front surface side of the base sheet, wherein

the light diffusing layer is formed by dispersing resinous beads and a fine inorganic filler into a binder, and

the fine inorganic filler is colloidal silica having an average particle diameter that is in a range of 5 nanometers to 50 nanometers.

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